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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV' S VISIT TO POLAND

REF: WARSAW 2231 (NOTAL)

1. IN A DINNER CONVERSATION, VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BISZTYGA TOLD ME THAT BREZHNEV' S VISIT TO POLAND, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS " VERY IMPORTANT", WOULD BE ROUGHLY 24 HOURS IN DURATION. HE SAID THAT ONLY A BRIEF STATEMENT WOULD BE ISSUED AFTER THE VISIT AND THAT IT WOULD CONTAIN NOTHING WHICH WOULD CAUSE ANY PROBLEMS FOR THE US.

2. BISZTYGA SAID THE VISIT WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT WAS TAKING PLACE BEFORE BREZHNEV' S VISIT TO BONN. IT WAS IMPORTANT, HE SAID, TO WORK OUT POLAND' S
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RELATIONSHIP WITH WEST GERMANY AND THEREFORE TO TALK WITH BREZHNEV BEFORE HE WENT THERE. THE POLES, BISZTYGA SAID, WANTED A " BETTER DEFINITION OF POLAND' S POSITION IN EUROPE", AND HE EMPHASIZED THAT THEY WISHED TO HAVE THIS " DEFINITION" ESTABLISHED BY THE END OF THE YEARS. (IN ANSWER TO MY QUESTIONS, HOWEVER, HE DOD NOT GIVE A CLEAR EXPLANATION OF WHY THAT TARGET DATE HAD BEEN SET.)

3. COMMENT: BEYOND THE OBVIOUS PSYCHOLOGICAL VALUE TO THE POLES OF HAVING BREZHNEV HERE BEFORE HE GOES TO THE FRG, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THEY HOPE TO INDUCE HIM TO USE THE OCCASION OF HIS BONN VISIT TO ENCOURAGE THE FRG TO MOVE FORWARD IN ITS RELATIONS WITH POLAND. END COMMENT.
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